

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 14. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	33.3	45.6	68.4	39.7	41.7	51.5
• Passed 2 subtests	30.0	12.3	18.4	25.4	23.9	21.9
• Passed 1 subtest	15.0	33.3	10.5	18.8	20.2	14.5
• Passed no subtests	21.7	8.8	2.6	16.1	14.2	12.2

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	5.4%	4.2%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	5.4%	4.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	46.4%	35.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	68.8%	5.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	12.5%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	72.9%	6.1%	
Gender			
Male	56.0%	4.0%	
Female	71.0%	6.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	60.5%	2.6%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	72.2%	11.1%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	62.2%	6.5%	
Pay for lunch	66.7%	4.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	43.4%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	92.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,917	N/A	\$6,136	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	92.1%	Up from 90.3%	87.7%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	19.7 to 1	N/A	21.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=346)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	94.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.8%	Up from 3.5%	11.3%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=28)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.1 Days	Down from 7.1	8.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 95.7%	95.1%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	39.3%	Up from 38.5%	45.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 84.6%	75.0%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	6.1%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.5%	N/A	79.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,480	Up 6.3%	\$36,011	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 4.1%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.2%	N/A	57.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	5.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	86.3%	N/A	51.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	8.7%	Up from 8.1%	15.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	37	N/A	23	29
• Gifted and talented	0.4%	N/A	1.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.8%	Up from 8.3%	13.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	6.9%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	320	N/A	322	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	12.7%	N/A	12.5%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North High School serves the North area as a 7-12 grade middle/high school. The school is comprised of approximately 350 students. The student body is diverse in nature with 60 percent of the student body being African-American and 40 percent white. The faculty is made up of dedicated educators who strive to provide all students with the opportunity to learn each day without regard to prior academic achievement.

Proper preparation for higher education and careers is a goal of the school. The school encourages all students to prepare for post secondary education. We saw a significant increase in Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) scores in both language arts/reading and mathematics. In addition, our SAT scores have increased over 70 points during the past two years.

North High School is a Learning Focused Project School whereby instruction each day incorporates "best practices" research. All teachers at North High School are trained to teach using Learning Focused techniques. All students participate in the Accelerated Reader Program and in Reading Renaissance each day. Our students also use the STAR reading assessment and the SkillsBank computer-assisted programs to help increase academic achievement. Plans for the upcoming school year include the incorporation of the STAR math assessment program along with Accelerated Math to help students improve math skills and increase test performance.

In addition to academic performance, students at North High School excel in extra-curricular areas as well. Our varsity football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball teams all competed in the state playoffs. The North High School Royal Cadet Band was one of twelve Class A bands selected as a state finalist.

We are excited about our school building project. A new school is being built on the current school site and will house 6th-12th grades. We know that our new school will help us in our continuous endeavors to provide excellent educational opportunities to the communities we serve.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	71.0	51.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	77.4	48.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	30.0	91.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 346 Students

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Sterling Harris 803-247-2541

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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